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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. To the best of Applicants' knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, no fee is required. A copy of each document is enclosed.

Each document listed on this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in an International Search Report dated 17 April 1998 in a counterpart foreign application. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the application and the references therein, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

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